

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1.-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A computer-readable device for visualizing structured data via a display mechanism associated with a computing device, the computer-readable device containing computer readable code which when executed by the computing device comprising effects the following:

a first and a second application, wherein the first application is selectively launched by a user to process a folder property;

a folder ~~having a~~ associated with the folder property to be processed by the first application when the first application is launched by the user;

a folder icon representing the folder property to be processed by the first application when the first application is launched by the user, and the folder icon displayed via the display mechanism;

a first application link linked to the first application, the link displayed via the display mechanism;

an object having an object property processed by the second application;

an object icon representing the object and displayed via the display mechanism;

a second application link linked to the second application, the link displayed via the display mechanism; and

a folder selection mechanism for displaying a content of the folder;

wherein the first application is ~~selected~~ launched by the user to process the folder property displayed in the folder icon via the first ~~first~~-application link,

wherein the second application is selected via the second application link, and

wherein the folder includes an element selected from the group consisting of a further folder, the object, and combinations thereof.

14. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the folder properties are copyable.

15. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the element is generated during the configuration of an industrial automation system.

16. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the structured data is structured in the form of a tree structure.

17. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein a display of the first application link is displayed on a same logical level as the folder icon.

18. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the display of first application link includes an icon.

19. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein a display of the first application link is included in the display of the folder content.

20. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the computing device is part of an industrial automation system.

21. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:
a selection mechanism; and
a textual information for the first application,
wherein the textual information is displayed when the selection mechanism is in a proximity of the first link.

22. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the textual information is dependent on the position of a display element positioned on a display area of the display mechanism.

23. (currently amended) A method for visualizing structured data via a display mechanism associated with a computing device, comprising:

providing the structured data having a folder with a folder property, the folder including an element selected from the group consisting of a second folder, an object with an object property, and combinations thereof;

providing a first application for processing the folder property when the first application is launched by a user;

providing a second application for processing the object property;

providing a folder icon representing the folder property which is to be processed by the first application when the first application is launched by the user, an object icon representing the object, and a component icon representing a-the first application for processing the folder property, the icons displayable by the display mechanism;

displaying the structured data via the display mechanism;

displaying a content of the folder via the folder icon;

launching the second application via the object icon; and

launching the first application to process the folder property, wherein the launching is performed by the user via the component icon.

24. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the structured data is displayed in the form of a tree structure.

25. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the component icon is displayed at a same hierarchically level as the folder icon.

26. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 25, further comprises copying the folder properties.

27. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 25, further comprises displaying a textual information regarding the component icon.

28. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein a display of the textual information is based the position of the component icon.

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29. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the textual information is displayed when cursor is placed within proximity of the component icon.

30. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the computing device is part of an industrial automation system.